WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of processing a call in a communications network; said method comprising:

   managing communication requirements and call administration in accordance with a communication protocol;

   executing routing-specific call processing operations in accordance with routing intelligence;

   invoking a service trigger responsive to a processing event; and

   selectively outsourcing a call processing operation in accordance with said invoking.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said managing comprises executing protocol-specific call processing operations.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein said executing comprises determining routing information associated with one or more intended recipients of said call.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein said invoking comprises interrupting a call processing operation associated with said managing.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein said invoking comprises interrupting a routing-specific call processing operation associated with said executing.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein said invoking comprises initiating a trigger handler.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein said invoking comprises consulting a service trigger definition file associating said service trigger with said processing event.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein said outsourcing comprises enabling selected call processing services.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein said outsourcing comprises transferring a call transaction to a selected uniform resource locator for call processing.

10. The method of claim 1 wherein said outsourcing comprises transferring a service trigger in a standard communication format.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein said service trigger is formatted as an Extensible Markup Language file.

12. A call processing system comprising:

   a connection logic component executing protocol-specific call processing operations;

a service logic component executing routing-specific call processing operations; and

a trigger manager operative to outsource a selected call processing operation responsive to a predetermined processing event.

13. The system of claim 12 wherein said connection logic component is operative in accordance with Session Initiation Protocol.

14. The system of claim 12 wherein said service logic component is operative to pass routing information to said connection logic component.

15. The system of claim 12 further comprising a service trigger definition file maintaining data records associating said predetermined processing event with a selected service trigger, and wherein said trigger manager is operative to invoke said selected service trigger responsive to said predetermined processing event.

16. The system of claim 15 wherein said selected service trigger is formatted to be transmitted in a standard communication protocol.

17. The system of claim 16 wherein said selected service trigger is formatted as an Extensible Markup Language file.

18. The system of claim 12 further comprising a HyperText Transfer Protocol server executing said selected call processing operation responsive to instructions from said trigger manager.

19. The system of claim 12 wherein said trigger manager is associated with said connection logic component, and further comprising an additional trigger manager associated with said service logic component.

20. The system of claim 19 wherein said trigger manager is selectively operative to interrupt a selected protocol-specific call processing operation and said additional trigger manager is selectively operative to interrupt a selected routing-specific call processing operation.

21. The system of claim 20 wherein said connection logic component comprises a first service trigger definition file and said service logic component comprises a second service trigger definition file.

22. The system of claim 12 wherein said connection logic component and said service logic component are integrated on a single computer server.

23. The system of claim 18 wherein said connection logic component, said service logic component, and said HyperText Transfer Protocol server are integrated on a single computer server.

24. A method of processing a call in a communications network; said method comprising:

receiving a call directed to one or more intended recipients;

selectively invoking a service trigger responsive to a predetermined call processing event;

responsive to said invoking, selectively outsourcing a processing operation in accordance with instructions encoded in said service trigger;

retrieving results of said processing operation; and

initiating data communication in accordance with said retrieving.

25. The method of claim 24 wherein said receiving further comprises executing protocol-specific call processing operations.

26. The method of claim 24 wherein said initiating comprises executing routing-specific call processing operations.

27. The method of claim 26 wherein said initiating further comprises determining routing information associated with said one or more intended recipients.

28. The method of claim 25 wherein said invoking comprises interrupting a selected one of said protocol-specific call processing operations.

29. The method of claim 26 wherein said invoking comprises interrupting a selected one of said routing-specific call processing operations.

30. The method of claim 24 wherein said invoking comprises initiating a trigger handler configured to transmit instructions encoded in said service trigger in a standard communication protocol.

31. The method of claim 24 wherein said invoking comprises consulting a service trigger definition file associating said service trigger with said predetermined call processing event.

32. The method of claim 24 wherein said outsourcing comprises enabling selected call processing services.

33. The method of claim 24 wherein said outsourcing comprises transferring a call transaction to a selected uniform resource locator for call processing.

34. The method of claim 24 wherein said outsourcing comprises transmitting instructions encoded in said service trigger in a standard communication format.

35. The method of claim 24 wherein said service trigger is formatted as an Extensible Markup Language file.

36. The method of claim 24 wherein said retrieving results comprises receiving results of said processing operation in accordance with a standard communication protocol.

37. A server-based call processing system comprising:

a connection logic control server having data, a call processing engine, and a first trigger manager residing thereon; said connection logic control server being configured to execute protocol-specific call processing operations;

a service logic control server having data, a call processing engine, and a second trigger manager residing thereon; said service logic control server being configured to identify one or more intended recipients of a call and to provide routing information associated with said one or more intended recipients to said connection logic control server; and

a trigger definition file accessible by said first trigger manager and said second trigger manager; wherein said first trigger manager and said second trigger manager are selectively operative to invoke a service trigger responsive to a selected processing event at said connection logic control server and said service logic control server, respectively, in accordance with data records maintained in said trigger definition file.

38. The system of claim 37 wherein said connection logic control server is operative in accordance with Session Initiation Protocol.

39. The system of claim 37 wherein said service trigger is formatted to be transmitted in a standard communication protocol.

40. The system of claim 39 wherein said service trigger is formatted as an Extensible Markup Language file.

41. The system of claim 37 further comprising a HyperText Transfer Protocol server configured to execute a selected call processing operation responsive to instructions encoded in said service trigger.

42. The system of claim 37 wherein said first trigger manager is selectively operative to interrupt a selected protocol-specific call processing operation and said second trigger manager is selectively operative to interrupt a selected routing-specific call processing operation executed by said service logic control server.

43. The system of claim 37 wherein said connection logic control server comprises a first trigger definition file and said service logic control server comprises a second trigger definition file.

44. The system of claim 37 wherein said connection logic control server and said service logic control server are integrated on a single computer server.

45. The system of claim 41 wherein said connection logic control server, said service logic control server, and said HyperText Transfer Protocol server are integrated on a single computer server.

46. A computer-readable medium encoded with data and computer executable instructions for processing a call; the data and instructions causing an apparatus executing the instructions to:

receive a call directed to one or more intended recipients;

execute protocol-specific call processing operations and routing-specific call processing operations;

selectively invoke a service trigger responsive to a predetermined call processing event;

selectively outsource a processing operation in accordance with instructions encoded in said service trigger;

retrieve results of said processing operation; and

initiate data communication in accordance with said results.

47. The computer-readable medium of claim 46 further encoded with data and instructions and further causing an apparatus to:

interrupt a selected one of said protocol-specific call processing operations.

48. The computer-readable medium of claim 46 further encoded with data and instructions and further causing an apparatus to:

interrupt a selected one of said routing-specific call processing operations.

49. The computer-readable medium of claim 46 further encoded with data and instructions and further causing an apparatus to:

initiate a trigger handler operative to transmit instructions encoded in said service trigger in a standard communications protocol.

50. The computer-readable medium of claim 46 further encoded with data and instructions and further causing an apparatus to:

consult a service trigger definition file associating said service trigger with said predetermined call processing event.

51. The computer-readable medium of claim 46 further encoded with data and instructions and further causing an apparatus to:

enable selected call processing services using instructions encoded in said service trigger.

52. The computer-readable medium of claim 46 further encoded with data and instructions and further causing an apparatus to:

transfer a call transaction to a selected uniform resource locator for call processing.

53. The computer-readable medium of claim 46 further encoded with data and instructions and further causing an apparatus to:

format said service trigger as an Extensible Markup Language file.